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Presented by Joe Maurier
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Mr. Chairman and committee members, for the record I am Joe Maurier, Parks Division Administrator of Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP).

I am here today to support HB 376. This bill simply prohibits campfires within sight of any occupied dwelling or within 500 yards of any occupied dwelling, whichever is less without the permission of the landowner. This seems a reasonable accommodation particularly in light of extremely dry summer and high fire danger we have seen the last several years.

This bill in no way limits public access to surface waters for recreational purposes.